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1 . . .Verbatim proceedings of a meeting in
2 the matter of Connecticut Health Information Technology
3 and Exchange, held at 101 East River Drive, East Hartford,
4 Connecticut on November 5, 2013 at 4:46 P.M.

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9 CHAIRPERSON MARK RAYMOND: I call to order
10 the HITE/CT Board of Directors on November 5, 2013. The
11 first item on the agenda is the approval of the meeting
12 minutes from the October meeting. So -- actually before
13 we get started on that, and I know this is out of
14 protocol, but I did want to recognize that Vanessa Kapral
15 has joined our group as a designee, an official designee
16 for Dr. Mullen. So I wanted to welcome Vanessa onboard
17 for that.

18 I also -- no, that's good for now. So I
19 just wanted to -- for the benefit of the folks who are on
20 the phone, the members of the Board who are here in the
21 room are Vanessa Kapral, and myself Mark Raymond,
22 Commissioner Bremby, Bettye Jo Pakulis, and on the phone
23 we have Kevin Carr, Dan Carmody and Steve Thornquist.

24 MS. BARBARA WOLF: And Barbara Wolf.

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1 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Oh Barbara, I'm
2 sorry. Well Barbara is a non-voting member of the Board,
3 and Demian Fontenalla. So the first item on the agenda is
4 approval of the meeting minutes from the 10/1 meeting. So
5 those have been sent out prior to this meeting. Anyone
6 have any changes to the minutes they would like to see
7 made? Not hearing any, I'll entertain a motion to approve
8 the minutes.

9 MR. DAN CARMODY: So moved, Dan.

10 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Dan, so moved. A
11 second? I'll second that. All in favor of approving the
12 minutes signify by saying Aye.

13 ALL VOICES: Aye.

14 MS. PAKULIS: I'm abstaining.

15 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Bettye Jo is going to
16 abstain. Any other abstain or disapproval? No, okay.

17 MR. BRUCE CHUDWICK: Six in favor and one
18 abstention.

19 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Okay, so the meeting
20 minutes have been approved. The next item on the agenda
21 is the Board business and the Treasurer's report. At this
22 time I'd like to ask Chris to join me and help give the
23 Treasurer's report.

24 MS. CHRISTINE KRAUS: Okay, I sent

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1 everybody the financials so you should have the revenue
2 and expense, the balance sheet, unpaid bills and the cash
3 flow documents. HITE/CT as of October 31st, has total
4 assets of \$221,782.81. Our total current liabilities,
5 \$2,622,152.22. This does include an invoice for \$12,500
6 for an audit, which has been paid since the time of --
7 since October 31st. Net income is a negative \$182,556.61.
8 Total expenses to date are \$182,556.61.

9 Unpaid bills, again, Axway remains the
10 same, the \$2.6 million. And as I mentioned we did
11 recently pay the invoice for Mahoney Sable for \$12,500.
12 As far as cash flow, for October 2013 our actual costs
13 were \$40,161.53 so our actual in the bank, because when
14 you run your numbers you obviously -- the Webster doesn't
15 always credit everything after it's paid for a couple of
16 days, so it's \$219,147.52. Any questions?

17 MS. WOLF: I have one.

18 MS. KRAUS: Sure.

19 MS. WOLF: In the projected for October the
20 legal fees were more than -- was less than projected but
21 the professional fees were a lot more. What were the
22 professional fees?

23 MS. KRAUS: That includes the audit costs.

24 MS. WOLF: Oh okay, okay.

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1 MS. KRAUS: Any other questions? So
2 Barbara had asked about the professional fees, why they
3 were so much higher, and it's because we had the audit
4 cost in there.

5 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Okay, not hearing any
6 other questions I'll entertain a motion to approve the
7 Treasurer's report.

8 DR. RON BUCKMAN: So moved.

9 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Moved by Ron Buckman
10 and I will second the motion. All in favor of approving
11 the Treasurer's report signify with an Aye.

12 ALL VOICES: Aye.

13 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Any opposed?
14 Alright, the motion has passed. Thank you Chris.

15 MS. KRAUS: You're welcome.

16 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: At this point in the
17 meeting the next item on the agenda is to move to
18 executive session pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes
19 1-200-6B, for an update regarding the pending claim with
20 the Axway contract. Do I hear a motion to move into
21 executive session?

22 MR. RODERICK BREMBY: So moved.

23 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Commissioner Bremby
24 so moved --

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1 DR. BUCKMAN: Second.

2 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: -- seconded by Ron
3 Buckman. At this point I'd like to --

4 MR. CHUDWICK: Concerning people coming
5 into executive session -- yes, you do vote.

6 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Alright, so all in
7 favor of moving into session signify with an Aye.

8 ALL VOICES: Aye.

9 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Any opposed? Okay,
10 we'll move into executive session. I'd like to invite --

11 (off the record -- executive session)

12 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Alright, so we are
13 back in general session. Next on the agenda is HITE/CT
14 agency business. And at this time we have what's
15 unfortunately our last CTO update. John, will you join us
16 at the microphone here?

17 MR. JOHN DeSTEFANO: Thank you Mark. Not
18 much business to report other than I did get a letter
19 today that will be followed up by mail tomorrow that RIQI,
20 the Rhode Island Quality Institute, has decided that
21 they'd like to cancel the contract that we have with them
22 for the procurement of services around certificates for
23 the Southern New England Trust Community.

24 That being said they also did indicate that

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1 they're still interested in developing the Community so
2 they would look to other interested parties in
3 Connecticut, you know, the Regional Extension Center being
4 one of them, and to come to some agreement with them as to
5 how to proceed forward with certificates for the
6 Community. They also did say as has been mentioned a few
7 times that they don't think the lifespan of the local
8 marketplace between states -- or between two states or
9 even some of the marketplaces in the country between five
10 or six states, has much life left in it, as through the
11 work of directtrust.org there'll be a national framework
12 for trust that is developing and is currently in the very
13 early stages.

14 But within the next six months to a year
15 Direct Trust should have about 100 venders through their
16 program which would allow any of those 100 venders, those
17 HISP providers in the country, to be able to interoperate
18 and communicate with any other vender. So the lifespan of
19 RIQI is limited and their reasoning behind that was if we
20 had been able to get started a little while ago it
21 probably would have been beneficial and helpful for both
22 of us. But given the late date and the fact that the
23 grant is coming to an end, they don't see the value in it
24 per se anymore between us -- between HITE/CT and RIQI. So

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1 unfortunate, but I just wanted to report that to the
2 Board.

3 DR. STEVEN THORNQUIST: So that's
4 essentially a secure messaging system?

5 MR. DeSTEFANO: Yeah, the marketplace gave
6 providers a place to go that had a number of HISP venders
7 or Direct venders that were vouched for basically through
8 the marketplace. They were -- their policies and
9 procedures and their technology was vouched for, so that's
10 what the marketplace really was. And the idea behind our
11 agreement with RIQI is that we would form a marketplace
12 between two states and they would provide trust anchors
13 for us.

14 So basically certificates so that any
15 provider who used one of those venders would be assured
16 that they could communicate with the other venders and
17 that the security -- and the security part of that was
18 part of the fabric, part of the Trust fund work. So the
19 Southern New England Trust Community, at least according
20 to the letter that I will be receiving but I got a
21 synopsis of it, is not going away it's just that -- right
22 now, by next June probably, it will be because it will be
23 superseded by the federal infrastructure that's being put
24 in place to handle direct messaging for the entire

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1 country.

2 And secondly --

3 DR. RON BUCKMAN: Just to clarify John.

4 MR. DeSTEFANO: Yeah.

5 DR. BUCKMAN: This national framework --

6 MR. DeSTEFANO: Right.

7 DR. BUCKMAN: -- is really for

8 communication between the different HISPs --

9 MR. DeSTEFANO: Right.

10 DR. BUCKMAN: -- but it's not for

11 communication between a provider and another provider.

12 The provider still has to contract with the HISP --

13 MR. DeSTEFANO: Correct.

14 DR. BUCKMAN: -- to get into the network.

15 MR. DeSTEFANO: Right.

16 DR. BUCKMAN: So it's a different level.

17 MR. DeSTEFANO: Yup, absolutely correct

18 yup. Secondly as Mark mentioned, this is my last CTO

19 report here at HITE/CT and I sincerely mean this, I want

20 to thank everybody for your support within the past year

21 and eight months. And you know, we didn't quite get as

22 far as we wanted to get but I do still believe that there

23 are things here that we can put in place that will last

24 beyond -- you know, certainly now beyond my tenure at

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1 HITE/CT but into the future and will benefit the citizens
2 of Connecticut.

3 So again, I appreciate everybody's support
4 during that time and hope to stay in touch with everybody
5 and good luck going forward.

6 MS. PAKULIS: Good luck John.

7 MR. DeSTEFANO: Thank you.

8 MS. KAPRAL: Thank you John.

9 MR. DeSTEFANO: Concluded.

10 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: And thank you John.

11 MR. DeSTEFANO: You're welcome.

12 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Not just for the
13 report but for everything. The next item on the agency
14 business is an update on the in-kind match. I can give a
15 brief update and then Chris, in terms of where we are in
16 collecting the information from the Board members are we
17 okay there?

18 MS. KRAUS: I now have everybody's, yes.
19 And I sent everything in October 31st when it was due.

20 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Okay, so Chris
21 reports that she does have the information from everyone
22 who put it in. My update on this subject is that as it
23 relates to the overall match, there's a requirement in the
24 third year of the budget to have a three-to-one match

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1 between federal funds and other funds or incoming
2 contributions. We are currently short on that match and
3 are engaged in discussions with the Department of Public
4 Health about whether or not that can be managed at the
5 macro level on the entirety of the grant and not
6 necessarily specifically related to the HITE/CT portion of
7 the grant. Those discussions have not concluded, but
8 that's the update on where we are related to our year
9 three in-kind or match contribution.

10 The next item on the agency business is an
11 update on our financial, our year one and year two
12 financial report status. I'd ask Chris to join me again
13 and give us an update on where we are there.

14 MS. KRAUS: As I mentioned previously, the
15 year one reports were formally approved by DPH. I am
16 still waiting to hear, there was supposed to be a meeting
17 today, to get a final approval on the year two.
18 Everything has been submitted, everything has been signed,
19 it's just been waiting for an official sign-off. Once I
20 hear that, I will notify everybody via e-mail.

21 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Okay, thank you.
22 Next is an update on where we are on our year one and year
23 two audit.

24 MS. KRAUS: So as far as the audit goes,

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1 the auditors were in a couple of weeks ago. They
2 completed what was called their transactional testing
3 where they go and they do a sample of all the
4 documentation and we did fine on that. It's very
5 unfortunate but our auditor from Mahoney Sable was
6 tragically killed about two weeks ago John, so Mahoney
7 Sable has another engagement partner that will be taking
8 over to do the final reports.

9 It's very devastating news and we are
10 waiting -- they are waiting for the final financial
11 statement from our accountants who are also waiting for
12 word from DPH. So once I hear everything, I will send you
13 an update.

14 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Do we expect that to
15 be resolved by the time we have our next meeting?

16 MS. KRAUS: I would hope so. I expect to
17 hear in the next couple of days.

18 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Okay. Any questions
19 about any of the other business items? Hearing none, in
20 the other business section I wanted to update you on a few
21 topics. One is the sustainability workgroup. So we did
22 have an initial meeting of our sustainability workgroup.
23 The minutes are being drafted and passed on to make sure
24 they are reflective of the conversation. At such time

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1 that they're final minutes we'll get them out to the rest
2 of the group, but we don't really have any interim results
3 to inform you of but we did meet and we did begin the
4 discussion. I think there's more dialogue required.

5 The other item that I wanted to update the
6 group on is, given the timeframe of the grant period that
7 -- and our lack of contract amendment with the Department
8 of Public Health, we have not been able to enter into a
9 contract amendment with the Department of Health in
10 regards to the voucher program that I'm recommending that
11 we -- the Board had previously authorized entering into
12 the voucher program up to the point that available funds
13 were -- that funds were available to be able to spend for
14 that. It turns out that because the voucher program was
15 not part of the original terms of our grant, we cannot use
16 them for those purposes without a contract amendment to
17 Public Health.

18 So given the news from John DeStefano in
19 regards to the RIQI agreement, I am making a
20 recommendation that we suspend or remove from our
21 authority or the Board's authority to proceed with a
22 voucher program at this time.

23 DR. BUCKMAN: Can you recall for us the
24 wording of the voucher motion? Do we have that what was

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1 actually passed?

2 MS. KRAUS: I can look it up for you.

3 DR. BUCKMAN: Okay.

4 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Can you come up to
5 the microphone? The question was can we specifically --
6 can we recall language around the agreement for the
7 voucher program so we're pulling that up.

8 DR. THORNQUIST: Well, should we go to
9 other topics?

10 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: That was the last
11 remaining item that I have.

12 DR. THORNQUIST: How about public comment,
13 no? Alright, I'm trying here.

14 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Yeah, we can open it
15 up for public comment if we have any. Do we have any
16 public comment at this time? We have no public comment at
17 this time.

18 MS. KAPRAL: I think it was April
19 Christine. I'm looking at John's draft of the voucher to
20 me and actually the group I think was April 8th.

21 MR. DeSTEFANO: Yeah, no, I was just
22 thinking I don't have them all on here in sequence so I
23 can't really say.

24 DR. MINAKSHI TIKOO It was announced in June

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1 -- because you announced it in June right before I left
2 for vacation.

3 MS. KRAUS: Okay, so wait --

4 MS. KAPRAL: I've got the April -- this is
5 direct voucher program.

6 MS. KRAUS: -- okay, here you go. A motion
7 was made --

8 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Chris, can you come
9 here.

10 MS. KRAUS: -- I can go into my teaching
11 voice.

12 DR. THORNQUIST: That might work -- having
13 been on that, it works much better when you're sitting
14 there.

15 MS. KAPRAL: It was discussed with the
16 Board in April.

17 MS. KRAUS: Okay so on Tuesday, April 2nd,
18 a motion was made and seconded by R. Buckman and S.
19 Thornquist, respectively, to authorize the Executive
20 Committee to put the voucher plan into action with a
21 budget limit of \$270,000 contingent on the approval of the
22 revised MOA with DPH. Does that sound right?

23 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: It does.

24 DR. BUCKMAN: Okay, but do we have the

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1 description of the voucher program?

2 MS. KRAUS: So that would be under --

3 MR. DeSTEFANO: Could it be attached in the
4 minutes?

5 MS. KRAUS: -- oh, let me see if I have an
6 attachment.

7 MS. KAPRAL: I have your executive strategy
8 summary.

9 MS. KRAUS: We should have it in here.

10 MS. KAPRAL: Okay.

11 DR. BUCKMAN: But did it specify that the
12 vouchers were for RIQI?

13 MS. KRAUS: So --

14 DR. BUCKMAN: Were the vouchers for, you
15 know, practices to use to connect to Direct?

16 DR. TIKOO: No, you put from the Direct
17 marketplace to take one of the three --

18 MR. DeSTEFANO: Well the Direct marketplace
19 was a component of it --

20 DR. TIKOO: -- yeah.

21 MR. DeSTEFANO: -- the voucher program was
22 to assist providers to sign up with approved HISP venders
23 through the marketplace for services around Direct.

24 MS. KRAUS: So here is exactly what John

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1 said, it's to establish a voucher program for providers to
2 sign up for one year of free Direct messaging services
3 from a Direct service provider who is part of the RIQI
4 marketplace.

5 DR. THORNQUIST: So it actually does say
6 specifically RIQI.

7 DR. BUCKMAN: So I'm going to -- I want to
8 make a motion to amend the voucher program to remove the
9 specification that the vender be through the RIQI
10 marketplace. In other words that we make the voucher
11 program available for all providers, same as it was
12 intended, so that they can contract -- to help them
13 contract with a HISP for Direct services.

14 MR. CHUDWICK: But it's still subject to
15 approval of the MOA with DPH, so it --

16 DR. BUCKMAN: Still subject to the MOA but
17 remove the requirement that it be through the RIQI
18 marketplace.

19 DR. THORNQUIST: Then we would have to go
20 back and ask for a more general MOA.

21 MS. WOLF: Yeah, then you're going to have
22 to fund it.

23 DR. THORNQUIST: Because the MOA was what
24 was -- it was even before RIQI withdrew that the MOA

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1 didn't go through.

2 DR. BUCKMAN: But the MOA still hasn't gone
3 through.

4 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Right.

5 DR. THORNQUIST: Right, both of those
6 didn't happen it wasn't just the RIQI. I understand where
7 you're going with this but realize that the MOA is still a
8 roadblock to it.

9 DR. BUCKMAN: Right.

10 DR. THORNQUIST: Okay. So we'd still need
11 to pursue the MOA but it would be without the restriction
12 of being through the RIQI marketplace.

13 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Would you -- since
14 there was some discussion would you restate your motion?

15 DR. BUCKMAN: Motion simply that the
16 voucher program plan be amended to remove the restriction
17 that Direct services be obtained through the RIQI
18 marketplace.

19 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: For the purposes of
20 the people on the phone there's a motion that's being made
21 to remove the references that the voucher program must be
22 put through the RIQI marketplace in order to execute the
23 program.

24 MS. KAPRAL: Can I -- I have a question.

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1 MR. CARMODY: Well considering RIQI
2 withdrew and told us that they were no longer an option it
3 seems reasonable.

4 COURT REPORTER: Who's on?

5 MS. KRAUS: That's Dan Carmody.

6 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: That was Dan Carmody,
7 was there a second?

8 DR. THORNQUIST: I'll second, let's discuss
9 --

10 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Okay.

11 MR. CARMODY: Sure.

12 DR. THORNQUIST: The other question I have
13 is did you want to put in place a specific directive,
14 i.e., would it be more sensible not just to remove RIQI
15 but to say something like through approved HISP provider
16 -- venders because you don't want them trying to claim a
17 voucher for just anyone they find. You want them to be
18 through an inter-connectable -- you know what I'm saying?

19 If there's going to be this trusted Direct
20 or this Direct trust thing that's going on and if there's
21 going to be a national program, wouldn't we want to direct
22 our vouchers to that national program at some point?

23 DR. BUCKMAN: Well my --

24 DR. THORNQUIST: Is there a general way of

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1 wording that that would allow us to do that without having
2 it pass --

3 DR. BUCKMAN: -- my general understanding
4 though is that all HISPs will be --

5 MR. DeSTEFANO: Not all.

6 DR. BUCKMAN: -- not all?

7 MR. DeSTEFANO: But as I said the list is
8 -- by mid-June they expect to get through about 100
9 venders and really the roadblock yet for them is just they
10 don't have enough people to go out and test with all those
11 venders. So if you said something like, you know, through
12 an approved -- through somebody who's either currently
13 approved by directtrust.org or who is on the waiting list,
14 and the waiting list is public, or is on the waiting list
15 at directtrust.org to be an approved -- to provide HISP
16 services because there's three different kinds of services
17 at that that organization is approving. So something like
18 that I guess would cover you and put you in the right pool
19 of venders.

20 DR. THORNQUIST: Does that get you into the
21 --

22 MR. DeSTEFANO: I just want to put some
23 kind of restriction on where this goes because you don't
24 want --

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1 DR. BUCKMAN: Again, the purpose here is to
2 move forward with advancing Health Information Exchange in
3 Connecticut. And we've set aside the money, we voted on
4 it, I think we should still use it for that purpose.

5 DR. THORNQUIST: Yeah, it's still subject
6 to an MOA.

7 DR. BUCKMAN: Right.

8 MS. KAPRAL: How would the money be
9 distributed because the plan was through HITE for
10 vouchers?

11 DR. THORNQUIST: Well HITE will still exist
12 theoretically.

13 MS. KAPRAL: It depended if RIQI was the
14 intended HISP, then the question is is the original -- as
15 I understand it, John help me out, but --

16 MR. DeSTEFANO: Yeah, no, no, you're right.

17 MS. KAPRAL: -- it was -- HITE was going to
18 be -- we couldn't get into a billing scenario where they
19 were billing DPH if it was going through HITE so --

20 MR. DeSTEFANO: Well, you wouldn't have
21 that situation anymore because if it's --

22 MS. KAPRAL: -- so how --

23 MR. DeSTEFANO: -- the three venders that
24 we were thinking about using right now are part of that

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1 Direct Trust temporary bundle. So the three venders that
2 are in the Marketplace right now --

3 MS. KAPRAL: Ahum.

4 MR. DeSTEFANO: -- are already approved by
5 directtrust.org. They've already gone through search --

6 MS. KAPRAL: Only the providers get their
7 money.

8 MR. DeSTEFANO: -- exactly. Well, I mean
9 if HITE/CT is in existence then somebody here would have
10 to administer that program so that the venders could get
11 the money.

12 DR. THORNQUIST: Right, but if HITE/CT is
13 not in existence then it's a moot point because HITE/CT
14 policies don't matter.

15 DR. TIKOO: That's right so you couldn't
16 put a policy in place as a Board, you know, that'll allow
17 to actually directing HITE to do anything now, you know --
18 until just putting things for the public now to do
19 something that you direct them to do.

20 MR. BREMBY: So unless DPH will modify the
21 MOA.

22 DR. THORNQUIST: Yeah I understand, but
23 that's always a barrier --

24 DR. TIKOO: Yeah, but is it --

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1 DR. THORNQUIST: -- that's still a barrier.

2 DR. BUCKMAN: Yeah, it's still subject to
3 that program so.

4 DR. THORNQUIST: But the point being that
5 this --

6 MS. KAPRAL: The barrier was primarily
7 budget in terms of until we knew what the dollars were for
8 year one and two and unspent funds and carryover and all
9 that stuff. But number two is it had to go up -- my
10 understanding from Marianne Horn is it had to go to the
11 AG. And I think that's still the case. So it's not been
12 a barrier in terms of geeze, we don't know what's going on
13 with year one or year two, we're past that.

14 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Yeah, a contract
15 amendment between DPH and HITE would have to go through
16 the Attorney General's office.

17 MS. KAPRAL: And I understand, I think
18 you're talking about a contract amendment between HITE/CT
19 and DPH anyways for a variety of issues in terms of match,
20 etc. So that could just be added to the list.

21 DR. THORNQUIST: So what you're saying is
22 it's a doable thing. It's something that modifies a plan
23 we've already had that we agreed to as an even larger
24 Board than this.

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1 MS. KAPRAL: Well, I think the
2 implementation of it would have to be thought in terms of
3 how is the money getting to the providers.

4 DR. THORNQUIST: Oh, but this is just
5 setting apart -- setting aside or setting in motion the
6 generation of a structure and a plan. The details like
7 who would administer it and how we can address when we
8 have the capability to do it in the first place. I mean,
9 this just allows us to pursue the capability. I think the
10 details of how and when and who administers it and how
11 you're going to administer it, if we're not here in six
12 months it doesn't matter.

13 If we are it would be nice to be able to
14 start looking at this and I think that's the plan. I
15 mean, it is not setting anything in stone. It can be
16 modified again in the future.

17 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Okay, and it is still
18 contingent on having an agreement with DPH that allows it
19 to happen. I think practicality is, you know, if the
20 grant is not extended our ability to actually execute
21 against it -- get an agreement and execute it against the
22 agreement is very low. I just want to --

23 DR. THORNQUIST: Well --

24 DR. BUCKMAN: But if it's not extended then

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1 we're out of business anyway. Then it doesn't matter so
2 let's assume, you know, like we assumed before that we
3 have that money and let's do something useful with it,
4 potentially useful.

5 MS. KAPRAL: This is going to require a
6 little smithing on the MOA that was directed back in --

7 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Yep.

8 MS. KAPRAL: -- to say the least.

9 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Okay so we have a
10 motion, it's been seconded. Is there any other
11 discussion?

12 MS. KRAUS: So who seconded it?

13 DR. THORNQUIST: Actually I seconded it, I
14 think someone on the phone did too.

15 MS. KRAUS: Oh, was it Dan?

16 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Dan Carmody, yeah.

17 MR. KEVIN McELENNEY: We sort of got to some
18 of these points and I don't want to say outside of
19 executive session, but if everyone understands the impacts
20 on the interchangeable parts we're talking about before in
21 executive session. If there's any questions, I'm happy to
22 --

23 DR. THORNQUIST: No, no, understood.

24 MR. McELENNEY: -- re-address them.

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1 DR. THORNQUIST: The motion reads and the
2 directive reads with available funds. It doesn't say
3 we're committing it said the number that was stated was a
4 general directive but it said contingent on available
5 funds as I recall the motion saying.

6 MR. DeSTEFANO: It did say contingent on
7 available funds up to a maximum of --

8 DR. THORNQUIST: Right, up to a maximum of
9 and if that maximum is somewhat less than as it is now
10 then that is also perfectly reasonable. Do you see what
11 I'm saying?

12 MR. McELENEY: I understand that.

13 DR. THORNQUIST: Where I'm trying to
14 consign every last penny there is a pretty well
15 (indiscernible) and it is contingent on available funds.

16 MR. McELENEY: And that's all fine. It's
17 more about of how these things are going to be taking
18 place.

19 DR. THORNQUIST: Right now we've got no
20 order anyway. I mean, I guess what I'm trying to say is I
21 would like as Ron would, to preserve some directive for
22 actually promoting health care interchange among providers
23 and to say that's my purpose theoretically for being here.
24 And to that end, I'd like to at least preserve this

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1 vestige at least for now.

2 Again, it may modify and our priorities may
3 change and there may come about a better deal or a
4 different direction that this Board would like to take at
5 some point in the future. But I have to answer to my
6 constituents as well and it would be nice to say well,
7 this is where we're binding.

8 DR. BUCKMAN: Yeah and the issue is, is if
9 we don't do it now and start the ball rolling and we wait
10 until three months from now when other things get settled
11 down, in essence maybe too little too late. So we start
12 the ball rolling and this is a ball that we can stop from
13 rolling. You know, it's not rolling downhill.

14 DR. THORNQUIST: And we're not spending a
15 lot to maintain this effort going forward. Do you see
16 what I'm saying? It's not like we're having to hire
17 another staff person to do this. This is not an expense
18 item it's a directive. Do you see what I'm saying?

19 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Well actually it is
20 an expense item. The way that the voucher program was
21 called out was that there would be the addition of some
22 temporary resources to help to administer the payment and
23 the administration of the distribution of the funds. So
24 it wasn't substantial and it was included in the amounts

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1 but it would be an expenditure in that area. And if it
2 comes to pass and we need to do that then we'll --

3 DR. THORNQUIST: I'd be happy to look at
4 that expenditure to see if it's worth it.

5 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: -- look at it and
6 make our decisions. Okay, is there any other discussion
7 about the motion that's been placed and seconded?

8 DR. THORNQUIST: Are people still on the
9 phone?

10 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Yes. There's been no
11 inverted beepings. Okay, so at this time I'd like to take
12 a vote of the Board in terms of passing the motion that
13 Mr. Buckman has put out there so all in favor of passing
14 that motion signify with an Aye.

15 ALL VOICES: Aye.

16 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: I'm sorry to do this
17 for the folks on the phone but I think I heard one Aye?

18 MR. CARMODY: Yeah, it's Dan.

19 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Okay.

20 MR. KEVIN CARR: And Kevin Carr, Aye.

21 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Kevin, Aye, okay. I
22 will vote in the affirmative as well. So I've got one,
23 two, three, four, five, five votes for. Bettye Joe votes
24 for. Any votes in the negative? So we have some

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1 abstentions? Vanessa you abstain, Commissioner you
2 abstain, we have two abstentions. Anyone else, did I
3 count all the votes that we have correctly -- five, six,
4 seven, yeah.

5 Okay so the motion to make the modification
6 passes. At this point I believe we've made it to the end
7 of the agenda unless there's any other business.

8 DR. BUCKMAN: Move to adjourn.

9 DR. THORNQUIST: Second.

10 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: A motion to adjourn
11 made by Ron Buckman, a second by Steve Thornquist. All in
12 favor of adjourning?

13 ALL VOICES: Aye.

14 CHAIRPERSON RAYMOND: Any abstentions?
15 Thank you, the meeting is adjourned.

16 (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at
17 6:09 p.m.)